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SUBJECT: LIBYAN TOYZIGN MINISTER, ARAB LEAGUE SECRETARY

GENERAL ARRIVE IN TUNIS

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1. LIBYAN FOREIGN MINISTER ALI ABDESSALEM TURAYKI ARRIVED IN TUNIS AT 8:00 P.M. JUNE 7 AND WAS RECEIVED AT AIRPORT BY GOT FONMIN HABIB CHATTY. TURAYKI TOLD THE PRESS THAT SOLUTION OF THE CONTINENTAL SHELF PROBLEM IS "NOT AL ALL DIFFICULT TO FIND TALING INTO ACCOUNT THE GOODWILL AND THE SPIRIT THAT CHARACTERIZES THE ACTION OF THE LEADERSHIP OF THE TWO COUNTRIES." HE ALSO SAID THAT THE "FRATERNAL RELATIONS" THAT EXIST BETWEEN PRESIDENTS BOURGUIBA AND QADHAFI ARE SUFFICIENT IN THEMSELVES TO RESOLVE ALL THE DIFEYENCES. "MY VISIT," HE ENDED, "WILL CONTRIBUTE SUBSTANTIALLY TO THE STRENGTHENING OF RELATIONS BETWEEN TUNISIAN AND THE JAMAHIRIYAH."

2. ARAB LEAGUE SECRETARY GENERAL MAHMOUD RIADH ALSO ARRIVED IN TNIS LATE JUNE 7. HE TOLD PRESS ON HIS ARRIVAL THAT HE WAS OPTIMISTIC THAT A SOLUTION COULD BE FOUND TO TUNISIAN-LIBYAN DISPUTE.HE SAID THAT ASSURANCES HE HAD RECEIVED HAD ENCOURAGED HIM TO PROPOSE THE PARTICI-PATION OF THE ARAB LEAGUE BECAUSE "SUCH DISPUTES BETWEEN BROTHER COUNTRIES OUGHT NEVER TO REMAIN INDEFINITELY WITHOUT SOLUTIONS."

3. LATE ARRIVAL OF TURAYKIN PREVENTED OPENING OF NEGOTIATIONS UNTIL TODAY JUNE8. FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS HAVE TOLD US THAT THE BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS COULD GO ON FOR TWO OR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THREE DAYS.

4. TUNISIAN TRADE UNION LEADER HABIB ACHOUR, WHO IS WIDELY CREDITED INTUNIS FOR HAVING ARRANGED TURAYKI'S VISIT, RETURNED BRIEFLY FROM ILO CONFERENCE IN GENEVA TO TAKE PART IN PSD POLITICAL BUREAU MEETING ON JUNE 6. HE WENT BACK TO GENEVAL ON JUNE 7 BUT TOLD PRESS AT AIRPORT THAT HE HAD PLAYED MAJOR ROLE IN CURRENT IMPROVEMENT IN TUNISIAN-LIBYAN RELATIONS. HE CALLED TO MIND THAT AFTER HIS MEETING WITH COL. QADHAFI IN MAY HE HAD TOLD PRESIDENT BOURGUIBA OF THE "POSITIVE ELEMENTS" HE HAD NOTED AMONG LIBYAN LEADERS. ACHOUR SAID HE REMAINED OPTIMISTIC, "IN SPITE OF DIFFICULTIES CAUSED BY INSTALLATION OF THE AMERICAN PLATFORM IN THE GULF OF GABES."
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